

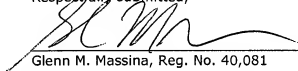
Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 39-41 and 43 stand objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Claims 39 and 43 are herein amended into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 40 and 41 depend from claim 39 and therefore should also be in condition for allowance.

This Amendment is being filed in conjunction with an Appeal Brief under 37 CFR 41.33 and only rewrites dependent claims into independent form. Accordingly, this Amendment should be entered pursuant to 37 CFR 41.33(b)(2). Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Each of the remaining claims is the subject of the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,


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